

Minutes of the Blackbird Leys Parish Council meeting
Held on Tuesday 5 October 2004 at the
The Shop Front, Blackbird Leys Road, commencing at 7.30pm

Present at meeting:

Parish Councillors: C Hatton, C Martin, S Cole, L Cole, B Avery, G Roper, R Humberstone and B Lester (Chair)

Also Present: H Shayler (Clerk), C Pill (Residents & Tenants Forum)

1) Apologies for Absence — None were received

A letter of resignation had been received from L Cole. Due to his election as City Councillor it was felt that with other active City Councillors on the Parish Council future conflicts would arise. L Cole hoped to attend future meetings as a City Councillor and hoped to continue working with members to make Blackbird Leys a better place for the community as a whole. B Lester thanked L Cole for all the past work carried out as a Blackbird Leys Parish Councillor and wished him all the best in his new position as a City Councillor.

2) Co-option to fill Vacancies: No one was present at this meeting.

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2004 A Couple of names were changed for spelling corrections — the minutes were then signed as a true record.

4) Police Matters: B Lester provided a copy of the results from the recent Questionnaire and Public meeting held. The Clerk was asked to circulate them after the meeting. It was commented that there was a poor response and turn out but many issues have been raised.

6) Public Discussion

a) Mr John Angus, the operations Director for the Kassam Stadium, Ozone Leisure and Hotel complex, was welcomed. He informed the Parish Council that due to current legal discussions still being held between the Stadium management and the City Council, he was unable to discuss items relating to the 106 agreement. It was commented that all the initial items were to be honoured, but final agreement with the council is needed before any further works are finished. It was commented about the state of Northfield Brook after being cleared last year the land owners around stretches of the brook are responsible for keeping the waterway clear — Mr Angus offered to look into this and clarify what would happen in the future.

A discussion was held regarding crime issues around the stadium area and the problems they are causing with business issues. The Parish Council agreed to write to the Chief Constable with support on getting issues sorted in this area. Mr Angus offered to return for future meetings as things progress on the stadium — he was thanked for attending this meeting.

b) Christo Dreyor was introduced to the Parish Council — he is requesting permission to hold Sunday Vehicle Markets at the Kassam Stadium. A document was submitted for minutes which summarised the main points raised. It was assured that all local residents that may be directly affected would be contacted separately to discuss their concerns. Mr Dreyor was thanked for attending the meeting.

c) C Pill commented that the Shops along Balfour Road were hoping to have extra parking by removing some of the pavement area. There is City Council money available as Disabled Access is required — plans are currently being drawn up for

discussion. The clerk was asked to write and request a copy of these plans when they become available.

5) Matters arising from 7 September meeting:

- a) It was commented that the tree in Pegasus Road was still overhanging and had not been removed. B Avery would continue to chase the issue.
- b) R Humberstone informed the council that the next Residents Association open meeting would be held on Monday 11th October at the Clockhouse, 630pm start. One of the main issues for discussion was to be traffic.
- c) C Hatton stated that from the Tenants & Residents association the bus stop along Field Avenue was to be moved away from the Junction (Adrian Gibbons is the contact) and the Rubbish bins were to be re-sighted to stop children sitting on them.
- d) Fly tipping/rubbish left on streets is still an issue on the estate — discussions with City Councillors are to take place during the next month
- e) A copy of the Street Wardens last minutes was passed to the Clerk for circulation. Should any one have issues for the next meeting, to be held on 12th October, then they should direct them to G Roper.

6) Planning Applications

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01798/FUL	2 Storey side Extension	37 Firs Meadow

The Parish Council had no objection to this, however, comments were noted regarding retention of parking spaces along with an area for storage of rubbish bins to avoid future problems.

No objection was raised to the following applications.

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/0181 8/FUL	Free-standing illuminated totem sign and illuminated sign on flank wall — Non illuminated sign to front elevation	Watlington Road [FOR: Eurodrive]

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/0171 1/FUL	Retention of a garden building	5 Ashmole Place

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01000/FUL	Erection of work of Art	The Kassam Stadium

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01893/ADV	9 metre high internally free-standing triangular totem sign	Kassam Stadium

The following notices of permission had also been received

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/0645/ADV	Retention of Two halo illuminated fascia Signs	Bullnose PH, Watlington Rd

APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS
04/01460/FUL	Demolition of Unit 6, Erection of new retail unit(696sq.m) Reorganisation of car park/cycle parking	Unit 6 Oxford Retail Park

8) Financial Matters

The following expenses were proposed by G Roper, 2nd by C Hatton and agreed with an unanimous vote: a) Clerk Salary -£258.90 (b) AOL - £15.99 (c) Telephone Answering - £35.25, d) British Telecom - £38.58, (e) Leys Fair expenses (various) £445.39 (f) Spindleberry Park open day Costs - £90.88. It had been agreed at the Leys Fair that the Parish Council would purchase a tent for future usage - £150.00 (payable to B Weaver)

The money raised for rides on the Rodeo had amounted to just under £50.00, the amount was made up to £50. by Parish Councillors and the clerk offered to take the money to the Cerebral Palsy children's ward at the Churchill Hospital.

9) Correspondence

In addition to the correspondence circulated the following items were brought to the meeting:

- a) Crime stoppers competition
- b) The Leys Development Initiative meeting minutes from 14th September

10) Any other Business

- a) A quote for the erection of shelving in the office had been received from L Cole. It was proposed by B Avery, 2nd by C Hatton that this estimate be accepted a date for work to commence would be agreed.
- b) C Hatton reported fireworks being let off in Pegasus Road. Has been reported to Police who could do nothing (?) and Environmental Services who were looking into the situation.
- c) Concerns over vehicle paint spraying in Pegasus Road were raised — the clerk was asked to find out legislation regarding this issue.

11) Date and Venue of next Parish Council Meeting -

Tuesday 2nd November at The Leys Linx, Blackbird Leys Road

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 09.27pm